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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 0376

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SUBJ: CHILEAN CITIZEN HERMANN F. SCHWEMBER

REF: STATE 10505

1. SUBJECT'S WIFE INFORMED EMBOFF AFTERNOON JANUARY 17 THAT SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED BY CIVILIAN-ATTIRED AUTHORITIES ON EVENING JAN 9. SINCE HE WAS TAKEN FROM HOME ON THIS OCCASION, SHE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS. SAYS SUBJECT HAD BEEN ARRESTED OCT 9, 1974, AND DETAINED ABOUT ONE MONTH AT TRES ALAMOS CENTER, THEN TRANSFERRED TO RITOQUE (NEAR VINA DEL MAR) WHERE HE WAS HELD UNTIL RELEASED DEC 19. SHE SAYS HE CLAIMED HE WAS NOT MISTREATED DURING ORIGINAL DETENTION. WIFE TOLD EMBOFF THAT BOTH HAD VALID J-1 VISAS FOR U.S.

2. SRA. SCHWEMBER WAS OUTWARDLY CALM BUT VOICED CONCERN OVER STATEMENT HUSBAND CLAIMS WAS MADE BY AUTHORITIES AT TIME OF HIS DECEMBER RELEASE TO EFFECT THAT IF HE RETURNED FOR ANY REASON HE WOULD RECEIVE A DIFFERENT TYPE OF TREATMENT. SHE INTERPRETED THIS AS MEANING HE WOULD BE MISTREATED ON THIS OCCASION.

3. RECTOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY JAIME DEL VALLE INFORMS US THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED THIS LAST OCCASION FOR "COLLECTING FUNDS", WHICH SCHWEMBER CLAIMED WERE TO

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BE USED TO AID FAMILIES OF DETAINED MEMBERS OF MAPU

PARTY (MOVIMIENTO ACCION POPULAR UNITARIO -- MILD LEFTIST PART OF UP COALITION), DEL VALLE SAID HE BELIEVES SCHWEMBER'S CLAIM AND THAT "DEPENDING ON HOW HE COOPERATES WITH THE AUTHORITIES "WILL PROBABLY BE RELEASED SHORTLY. SAID HE UNDERSTANDS "AUTHORITIES" (OF GOC) WERE AWARE OF SCHWEMBER'S ARRANGEMENTS WITH STANFORD AND THAT PRIOR TO LATEST ARREST HAD "NO OBJECTIONS TO HIS DEPARTURE" TO U.S. HE TERMED THIS "BEST SOLUTION FOR BOTH PARTIES".

4. COMMENT: UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY PRESUMES SCHWEMBER WILL BE TREATED ABOUT SAME AS BEFORE, BUT NO WAY OF KNOWING HOW LONG HE WILL BE DETAINED.

5. GARY HORLICK OF FORD FOUNDATION DENIED KNOWING ABOUT THE CASE.
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